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Dear Congressman Thomas:

The proposals in the Notice reflect to a large extent concepts and proposals submitted in the initial inquiry stages of this proceeding. None of the proposals set forth in the Notice, however, are engraved in stone. Indeed

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February 21, 1993

James Quello
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Good morning James...

I want to express my concerns about PR Docket 92-235.

I've heard from public officials throughout Wyoming about this proposal, and every comment has been negative. The idea of changing the allocation and coordination of radio frequencies might hold water in urban areas, but it doesn't make a whole lot of sense in Wyoming. Wyoming does not have a problem with channel consolidation or allocation. It appears the result of this proposal would be yet another unfunded mandate from the federal government, throwing prohibitive costs on the backs of local governments at a time when they can ill afford it. Beyond that, it's obvious that such a change is not necessary in a rural state like Wyoming.

Hospitals in Wyoming are particularly concerned with this proposal, as are local governments. An issue of grave concern is the proposal to substantially reduce power and antenna height limits. This would force local governments in Wyoming to build a number of new towers to cover the large area that is currently reached with a single transmitter atop a mountain. This could cost local governments hundreds of thousands of dollars, all going to address a problem that does not exist in these areas.

I would appreciate learning of your motivation for this proposal, how you see it impacting local governments and public safety providers, and what you plan to do to exempt rural areas that don't have an allocation problem.

Thank you in advance for your timely consideration.

Best regards,



Craig Thomas
Member of Congress